Manipulation of stock markets by terrorists groups

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recent statement by the National Security Advisor regarding terrorists groups trying to manipulate stock markets through fictitious companies registered in Middle East;

(b) if so, what safeguards have been taken; and

(c) what steps are being taken to identify and isolate such companies?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The National Security Adviser delivered a speech at the 43rd Munich Conference on Security Policy on February 11, 2007. While recounting the methods employed by terrorist outfits to generate funds, he referred to stock market operations. However, the National Security Council Secretariat has clarified that the speech mentioned about such possibilities and no specific names of companies were indicated.

Water sharing of inter-state rivers

*313. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are disputes among the States in sharing of water of inter-State rivers;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that river water subject is within the List-II (State List); and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for amending the constitution to bring inter-State river into Union List (List-I)?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) As per the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956, the water dispute arises among two or more State Governments when the Central Government receives request under Section 3 of the Act from any of the basin States with regard to existence of water